

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately following the title "MEDICAMENTS," please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a U.S. National Phase Application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/GB2005/000594, which was filed February 18, 2005, claiming benefit of priority of Great Britain Patent Application No. 0403733.9, which was filed February 19, 2004, and U.S. Patent Application No. 60/545,834, which was filed February 19, 2004. The entire disclosure of each of the foregoing applications is incorporated herein by reference.

Page 46, immediately after claim 17, please insert a new page containing the following abstract of the application:

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to the use of a retinoic acid antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of Barrett's oesophagus (Barrett's mucosa). Furthermore, the invention relates to use of a retinoic acid antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of ectopic development of columnar epithelium, use of such an antagonist in the conversion of columnar epithelium to squamous epithelium, in the induction or maintenance of squamous epithelium, and in the reduction of proliferation of ectopic columnar epithelium. Preferably the retinoic acid antagonist is an aldehyde dehydrogenase inhibitor such as a competitive inhibitor. Preferably the antagonist is citral.